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In re Application of: Arenberg, et al.

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING THERAPEUTIC AGENTS
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Serial No.: 09/205,251

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Examiner: Stigell, Theodore J.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated 06/02/2009 of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 26,28,29,54-60,66-68,70-78 and 80-82.

Please charge the Appeal Fee of 540.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(b) to Deposit Account No. **50-1953**. (A request for an extension of time of 3 (three)-months is attached, giving Applicants until 12/02/2009 to file this Notice of Appeal.) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-1953**.

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